

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY  
OF  
BUSINESS STATISTICS

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

| Month.    | Sheep Districts. |     |     |     |     | Wheat Districts. |     |     |     | Dairying Districts<br>(Coastal only.) |     |     |     |
|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|           | N.               | C.  | S.  | W.  | T.  | N.               | C.  | S.  | T.  | N.                                    | C.  | S.  | T.  |
| 1944.     |                  |     |     |     |     |                  |     |     |     |                                       |     |     |     |
| October   | 30               | 33  | 95  | 28  | 52  | 23               | 38  | 98  | 73  | 31                                    | 33  | 54  | 34  |
| November  | 35               | 45  | 46  | 32  | 41  | 39               | 43  | 47  | 45  | 73                                    | 31  | 28  | 56  |
| December  | 42               | 8   | 55  | 49  | 37  | 34               | 11  | 56  | 42  | 59                                    | 32  | 43  | 50  |
| 1945.     |                  |     |     |     |     |                  |     |     |     |                                       |     |     |     |
| January   | 104              | 151 | 114 | 42  | 114 | 109              | 159 | 116 | 127 | 51                                    | 83  | 134 | 70  |
| February  | 189              | 125 | 82  | 69  | 123 | 155              | 110 | 71  | 92  | 106                                   | 89  | 86  | 99  |
| March     | 24               | 40  | 30  | 28  | 31  | 31               | 41  | 26  | 30  | 46                                    | 33  | 35  | 41  |
| April     | 94               | 110 | 78  | 32  | 87  | 101              | 103 | 38  | 63  | 124                                   | 83  | 348 | 142 |
| May       | 131              | 140 | 55  | 97  | 105 | 160              | 139 | 55  | 90  | 94                                    | 93  | 69  | 90  |
| June      | 212              | 225 | 137 | 122 | 181 | 177              | 219 | 143 | 167 | 429                                   | 321 | 205 | 373 |
| July      | 103              | 71  | 71  | 205 | 95  | 83               | 58  | 77  | 73  | 164                                   | 126 | 40  | 139 |
| August    | 135              | 157 | 151 | 107 | 144 | 156              | 139 | 157 | 152 | 44                                    | 61  | 34  | 47  |
| September | 46               | 16  | 34  | 18  | 30  | 23               | 18  | 32  | 27  | 68                                    | 18  | 21  | 50  |
| October   | 42               | 68  | 125 | 116 | 85  | 53               | 72  | 128 | 104 | 94                                    | 80  | 77  | 89  |

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12·3625d. sterling (Aust. 15·4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46. A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safe-guarding of prices of future clips.

| Month.    | Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney. |          |          |          |                                   |           |          |          |
|-----------|--|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
|           | During Month.                                  |          |          |          | Total for Season to end of Month. |           |          |          |
|           | 1942-43.                                       | 1943-44. | 1944-45. | 1945-46. | 1942-43.                          | 1943-44.  | 1944-45. | 1945-46. |
| July      | 67,442   | 83,715   | 76,207   | 68,696   | 67,442                            | 83,715    | 76,207   | 68,696   |
| August    | 128,260  | 105,532  | 113,506  | 110,161  | 195,702                           | 189,247   | 189,713  | 178,857  |
| September | 180,883  | 158,065  | 73,356   | 132,093  | 376,585                           | 347,312   | 263,069  | 310,950  |
| October   | 195,950  | 173,622  | 129,588  | 183,001  | 572,535                           | 520,934   | 392,657  | 493,951  |
| November  | 159,518  | 128,231  | 166,656  | ...      | 732,053                           | 649,165   | 559,313  | ...      |
| December  | 88,943   | 94,774   | 111,713  | ...      | 820,996                           | 743,939   | 671,026  | ...      |
| January   | 37,213   | 135,652  | 101,888  | ...      | 858,209                           | 879,591   | 772,914  | ...      |
| February  | 30,274   | 60,931   | 24,884   | ...      | 888,483                           | 940,522   | 797,798  | ...      |
| March     | 44,208   | 43,493   | 23,799   | ...      | 932,691                           | 984,015   | 821,597  | ...      |
| April     | 40,835   | 42,000   | 20,854   | ...      | 973,526                           | 1,020,015 | 842,451  | ...      |
| May       | 41,491   | 51,274   | 34,419   | ...      | 1,015,017                         | 1,077,289 | 876,870  | ...      |
| June      | 56,745   | 56,870   | 41,007   | ...      | 1,071,762                         | 1,134,159 | 917,877  | ...      |

## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

| Season.         | Area under Wheat. |                         | Yield of Grain. |                      |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                 | Total.            | Harvested<br>For Grain. | Total.          | Average<br>per Acre. |
| Average 1934-35 |                   | acres.                  | acres.          | bushels.             |
| to 1943-44      | ... ...           | 4,296,000               | 3,937,000       | 51,635,000           |
| 1941-42...      | ... ...           | 4,342,000               | 3,969,000       | 48,500,000           |
| 1942-43...      | ... ...           | 3,386,000               | 3,033,000       | 51,603,000           |
| 1943-44...      | ... ...           | 2,975,000               | 2,693,000       | 47,500,000           |
| 1944-45...      | ... ...           | 3,174,000               | 2,845,000       | 17,134,000           |
|                 |                   |                         |                 | bushels.             |

A preliminary forecast by the Division of Marketing, Department of Agriculture, of the 1945-46 wheat yield is 51,000,000 bushels.

## 4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

The British Government purchases under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price or choiceest, 14s 2d. rod. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports from July, 1942, was increased to 18s 4d. 8d. from July, 1944. The wholesale price for local consumption has been 16s. rod. per cwt. since 6th March, 1942.

| Month.                          | Average,<br>1937-38 to<br>1939-40. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. | 1944-45. | 1945-46. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                 |                                    |          |          |          |          |
| July                            | 5,061                              | 5,163    | 3,313    | 2,462    | 3,286    |
| August                          | 5,361                              | 5,346    | 3,279    | 3,065    | 4,008    |
| September                       | 7,993                              | 5,952    | 4,933    | 5,397    | 5,007    |
| October                         | 10,107                             | 7,499    | 8,626    | 8,488    | .....    |
| November                        | 13,128                             | 11,275   | 11,553   | 8,169    | .....    |
| December                        | 13,471                             | 12,032   | 13,079   | 7,532    | .....    |
| January                         | 12,310                             | 13,044   | 12,821   | 8,004    | .....    |
| February                        | 11,816                             | 10,219   | 10,184   | 6,769    | .....    |
| March                           | 11,370                             | 8,648    | 8,440    | 8,261    | .....    |
| April                           | 10,044                             | 6,129    | 5,165    | 5,811    | .....    |
| May                             | 8,145                              | 4,789    | 3,870    | 4,477    | .....    |
| June                            | 6,024                              | 3,679    | 2,594    | 3,287    | .....    |
| Year                            | 113,930                            | 93,775   | 87,857   | 71,722   | .....    |
| Three Months ended<br>September | 17,515                             | 16,461   | 11,524   | 10,924   | 12,301   |

## 5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

The following results from 42 large factories afford an indication of trends in manufacturing:—

| Month.                            | Factory Sales. |       |       |       | Employees. |       |       |       | Weekly Salaries and Wages. |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                   | 1942.          | 1943. | 1944. | 1945. | 1942.      | 1943. | 1944. | 1945. | 1942.                      | 1943. | 1944. | 1945. |
|                                   | Thousand £.    |       |       |       | Hundreds.  |       |       |       | Hundred £.                 |       |       |       |
| January                           | 4,519          | 5,808 | 4,965 | 4,983 | 282        | 275   | 261   | 241   | 1,459                      | 1,563 | 1,493 | 1,393 |
| February                          | 4,768          | 4,799 | 5,712 | 5,250 | 282        | 272   | 258   | 240   | 1,484                      | 1,546 | 1,476 | 1,404 |
| March                             | 5,097          | 5,451 | 5,765 | 5,502 | 280        | 270   | 256   | 239   | 1,477                      | 1,534 | 1,469 | 1,379 |
| April                             | 4,904          | 5,424 | 4,830 | 5,015 | 278        | 271   | 256   | 237   | 1,513                      | 1,561 | 1,449 | 1,374 |
| May                               | 4,925          | 5,696 | 5,878 | 5,436 | 278        | 269   | 253   | 237   | 1,517                      | 1,517 | 1,447 | 1,363 |
| June                              | 5,077          | 5,632 | 5,478 | 5,303 | 277        | 269   | 252   | 237   | 1,564                      | 1,544 | 1,433 | 1,372 |
| July                              | 5,410          | 5,520 | 5,061 | 5,639 | 277        | 268   | 251   | 236   | 1,531                      | 1,514 | 1,426 | 1,378 |
| August                            | 5,003          | 5,500 | 5,476 | 5,468 | 277        | 266   | 249   | 237   | 1,532                      | 1,533 | 1,413 | 1,377 |
| September                         | 5,352          | 5,710 | 5,222 | 5,209 | 277        | 267   | 248   | 234   | 1,564                      | 1,525 | 1,416 | 1,345 |
| October                           | 5,420          | 5,753 | 5,449 | ...   | 280        | 266   | 247   | ...   | 1,576                      | 1,536 | 1,400 | ...   |
| November                          | 5,826          | 5,701 | 5,811 | ...   | 280        | 264   | 246   | ...   | 1,603                      | 1,517 | 1,433 | ...   |
| December                          | 5,853          | 5,653 | 5,159 | ...   | 279        | 265   | 246   | ...   | 1,583                      | 1,552 | 1,441 | ...   |
| Average<br>(January-<br>December) | 5,180          | 5,554 | 5,400 | ...   | 279        | 269   | 252   | ...   | 1,534                      | 1,537 | 1,441 | ...   |

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## 6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## (a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

| Year.    | Month of October.                  |                              |                    | September Quarter.          |          |                              |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
|          | Sydney and Suburbs.                | City of Sydney.              | Suburbs of Sydney. | Industrial and Rural Towns. |          | Total, New South Wales.*     |
|          | Total New Buildings and Additions. | New Buildings and Additions. | New Buildings.     | No. of Permits.             | Value.   | New Buildings and Additions. |
| 1942 ... | £ 158,880                          | £ 6,999                      | £ 101,205          | 75                          | £ 23,708 | £ 375,828                    |
| 1943 ... | 103,879                            | 20,986                       | 12,428             | 77                          | 36,293   | 562,134                      |
| 1944 ... | 151,358                            | 66,856                       | 50                 | 105                         | 51,283   | 693,131                      |
| 1945 ... | 1,134,449                          | 52,817                       | 867                | 922,267                     | 717†     | 507,192†                     |
|          |                                    |                              |                    |                             |          | 2,990,456†                   |

\* Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded. † Preliminary.

## (b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The value according to principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued in Sydney and Suburbs and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

| Period.                  | Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. |                         |               |            |  |   |           |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|------------|--|---|-----------|
|                          | Houses.   |                         | Flats.<br>(a) | Factories. | Shops (b)<br>and<br>Public<br>Garages. | Other<br>(Offices,<br>Hotels,<br>Hospitals,<br>etc.). | Total.    |
|                          | Brick.  | Wood,<br>Fibro,<br>etc. |               |            |  |   |           |
| Month of October—        | £   | £                       | £             | £          | £                                      | £   | £         |
| 1943                     | 2,934   | 3,830                   | 265           | 67,517     | 511                                    | 28,822  | 103,879   |
| 1944                     | 11,033  | 21,619                  | 550           | 45,735     | 2,729                                  | 69,692  | 151,358   |
| 1945                     | 451,463   | 489,797                 | 14,277        | 69,866     | 8,699                                  | 100,347   | 1,134,449 |
| Ten Months ended Oct.—   |   |                         |               |            |  |   |           |
| 1943                     | 30,236  | 38,995                  | 4,674         | 882,567    | 9,845                                  | 233,878   | 1,200,195 |
| 1944                     | 73,354  | 125,418                 | 9,450         | 817,414    | 17,822                                 | 215,408   | 1,258,866 |
| 1945                     | 1,435,842   | 1,559,487               | 32,774        | 610,743    | 52,437                                 | 349,233   | 4,040,516 |
| September Quarter—       |   |                         |               |            |  |   |           |
|                          | 129 Industrial and Rural Towns.                       |                         |               |            |  |   |           |
| 1944                     | 7,339   | 55,293                  | 762           | 35,498     | 7,236                                  | 57,982  | 164,110   |
| 1945†                    | 84,215  | 447,309                 | 2,728         | 39,120     | 18,386                                 | 48,622  | 640,440   |
| Nine Months ended Sept.— |   |                         |               |            |  |   |           |
| 1944                     | 19,768  | 140,052                 | 6,000         | 108,461    | 18,394                                 | 130,635   | 423,310   |
| 1945†                    | 116,702   | 689,055                 | 6,010         | 127,558    | 46,421                                 | 120,933   | 1,106,679 |

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. † Preliminary.

## (c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to total for private building shown above, value of work authorised and contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales was as follow:—

| Area.                      | Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental). |           |           |                           |             |             |
|----------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | Month of October.                                    |           |           | Ten Months ended October. |             |             |
|                            | 1943.  | * 1944.   | 1945.     | 1943.                     | * 1944.     | 1945.       |
| Sydney and Suburbs ...     | £ 74,327   | £ 135,403 | £ 447,485 | £ 2,459,451               | £ 1,460,110 | £ 3,742,679 |
| Remainder of State ...     | 43,149   | 107,181   | 252,874   | 1,131,288                 | 916,826     | 1,700,499   |
| Total, New South Wales ... | 117,476  | 242,584   | 700,359   | 3,590,739                 | 2,376,936   | 5,443,178   |

\* Revised.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

| Period.                      |     | 1939.  | 1940.  | 1941.  | 1942.  | 1943.  | 1944.  | 1945. |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Million £.                   |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Year ended 31st December ... | ... | 200.29 | 202.79 | 229.03 | 238.65 | 240.54 | 251.40 | ..... |
| January ...                  | ... | 13.24  | 16.33  | 15.83  | 18.69  | 17.18  | 18.01  | 18.62 |
| February ...                 | ... | 16.54  | 14.64  | 17.48  | 19.39  | 21.60  | 20.48  | 21.47 |
| March ...                    | ... | 15.78  | 16.97  | 17.40  | 19.53  | 19.44  | 18.00  | 21.75 |
| April ...                    | ... | 15.79  | 17.88  | 19.06  | 19.19  | 21.88  | 21.68  | 20.81 |
| May ...                      | ... | 17.46  | 14.85  | 18.75  | 20.72  | 19.56  | 21.45  | 22.24 |
| June ...                     | ... | 14.88  | 17.07  | 21.76  | 18.93  | 20.91  | 20.67  | 19.40 |
| July ...                     | ... | 15.28  | 16.74  | 17.63  | 19.17  | 19.81  | 20.87  | 22.01 |
| August ...                   | ... | 16.81  | 17.17  | 20.41  | 20.86  | 18.75  | 23.82  | 20.22 |
| September ...                | ... | 19.44  | 17.48  | 21.60  | 19.59  | 19.93  | 21.46  | 23.72 |
| October ...                  | ... | 19.22  | 18.50  | 18.25  | 22.06  | 20.80  | 21.82  | ..... |
| November ...                 | ... | 17.53  | 18.13  | 20.58  | 19.54  | 21.07  | 20.30  | ..... |
| December ...                 | ... | 18.32  | 17.03  | 20.28  | 20.98  | 19.61  | 22.84  | ..... |

## 8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

| Period.                             | Number of Business Days in Period. |               | Net Sales (Value). | Value of Stock. | Wages and Salaries Paid. | Number of Employees. | Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown. |                          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                                     | Previous Year.                     | Current Year. |                    |                 |                          |                      | Net Sales (Value).                              | Wages and Salaries Paid. |
| Percentage increase + or decrease — |                                    |               |                    |                 |                          |                      |   |                          |
| Year ended December—                |                                    |               |                    |                 |                          |                      |   |                          |
| 1938 ...                            | 303                                | 303           | + 4.8              | + 5.2           | + 11.6                   | + 5.0                |   |                          |
| 1939 ...                            | 303                                | 303           | + 2.4              | + 2.0           | + 2.6                    | + 0.9                |   |                          |
| 1940 ...                            | 303                                | 305           | + 6.3              | + 17.0          | + 4.0                    | + 1.9                |   |                          |
| 1941 ...                            | 305                                | 304           | + 14.6             | + 8.0           | + 9.0                    | + 4.0                |   |                          |
| 1942 ...                            | 304                                | 303           | - 5.3              | + 9.2           | - 5.1                    | - 8.4                |   |                          |
| 1943 ...                            | 303                                | 306           | - 11.3             | - 6.8           | - 9.7                    | - 17.6               |   |                          |
| 1944 ...                            | 306                                | 302           | + 3.2              | - 0.2           | - 4.6                    | + 1.4                |   |                          |
| 1944.                               |                                    |               |                    |                 |                          |                      |   |                          |
| September ...                       | 26                                 | 26            | + 3.7              | + 5.0           | - 1.5                    | - 3.8                | + 6.6   | - 0.9                    |
| October ...                         | 25                                 | 25            | + 5.6              | + 4.3           | + 0.1                    | - 3.2                | + 7.0   | + 0.3                    |
| November ...                        | 26                                 | 26            | + 10.6             | + 4.4           | + 0.9                    | - 2.5                | + 6.8   | - 0.2                    |
| December ...                        | 25                                 | 24            | + 6.1              | + 4.6           | - 0.6                    | - 1.3                | + 7.4   | + 0.1                    |
| 1945.                               |                                    |               |                    |                 |                          |                      |   |                          |
| January ...                         | 23                                 | 25            | + 20.1             | + 2.6           | + 5.2                    | - 0.9                | + 11.0  | + 1.6                    |
| February ...                        | 25                                 | 24            | + 6.7              | + 7.7           | - 2.4                    | - 3.3                | + 10.0  | + 0.7                    |
| March ...                           | 27                                 | 26            | - 6.6              | + 17.0          | + 2.5                    | + 1.1                | + 4.8   | + 1.8                    |
| April ...                           | 21                                 | 24            | + 3.0              | + 18.3          | + 3.4                    | + 0.3                | + 0.5   | + 1.3                    |
| May ...                             | 27                                 | 26            | - 9.7              | + 26.9          | + 4.4                    | + 2.5                | - 4.9   | + 3.5                    |
| June ...                            | 25                                 | 25            | + 19.3             | + 24.0          | + 3.0                    | + 3.3                | + 3.2   | + 3.6                    |
| July ...                            | 26                                 | 26            | + 31.6             | + 16.7          | + 7.1                    | + 4.3                | + 10.6  | + 4.8                    |
| August ...                          | 27                                 | 25            | + 16.6             | + 11.9          | + 6.4                    | + 4.4                | + 21.8  | + 5.5                    |
| September ...                       | 26                                 | 25            | + 21.1             | + 10.2          | + 4.0                    | + 6.7                | + 22.5  | + 5.8                    |

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

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## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 9. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

|          | Month of September. |                    |  | Three months ended 30th September. |                    |  |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
|          | Gross Revenue.      | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. | Gross Revenue.<br>†                | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. |
| 1943 ... | £ 3,020,506         | £ 2,463,350        | £ 557,156                                | £ 9,046,454                        | £ 6,349,746        | £ 2,696,708                              |
| 1944 ... | 2,550,964           | 1,896,570          | 654,394                                  | 8,066,145                          | 5,795,442          | 2,270,703                                |
| 1945 ... | 2,605,075           | 1,894,387          | 710,688                                  | 7,968,549                          | 5,979,503          | 1,989,046                                |

\* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

|          | Month of September.              |                     | Three months ended 30th September. |                     |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
|          | Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.* | Passenger Journeys. | Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*   | Passenger Journeys. |
| 1943 ... | thousands. 1,678                 | thousands. 19,961   | thousands. 5,182                   | thousands. 60,370   |
| 1944 ... | 1,602                            | 20,287              | 4,932                              | 61,740              |
| 1945 ... | 1,360                            | 21,383              | 4,384                              | 65,420              |

\* Partly estimated.

Services operated by the Department of Road Transport, New South Wales.

| PERIOD.                            | SYDNEY AND SUBURBS. |  |                      | NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS. |  |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|
|                                    | Earnings.           | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.* | Passengers carried.† | Earnings.              | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.* | Passengers carried. |
| Month of September—                | £                   | £  | thousands.           | £                      | £  | thousands.          |
| 1943 ...                           | 413,000             | 30,300                                     | 37,595               | 42,200                 | 4,500                                      | 3,381               |
| 1944 ...                           | 419,800             | 39,600                                     | 41,692               | 44,200                 | 5,700                                      | 3,010               |
| 1945 ...                           | 428,600             | (‡) 35,400                                 | 40,403               | 45,000                 | (‡) 1,000                                  | 3,750               |
| Three months ended 30th September. |                     |  |                      |                        |  |                     |
| 1943 ...                           | 1,251,020           | 78,110                                     | 114,673              | 125,420                | 16,900                                     | 10,034              |
| 1944 ...                           | 1,286,400           | 121,300                                    | 123,980              | 134,000                | 17,200                                     | 10,962              |
| 1945 ...                           | 1,306,700           | 19,300                                     | 124,156              | 138,700                | 7,600                                      | 11,583              |

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

‡ Excess of Working Expenses which include amounts applicable to the three months July-September.

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## 11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

**NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.**  
(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

| Class.<br><small>1,000</small> | 1939.           | 1942.          | 1943.              | 1944.            | 1945.          |                 |                    |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                                | 31st<br>August. | 30th<br>June.* | 30th<br>September. | 31st<br>October. | 30th<br>April. | 31st<br>August. | 30th<br>September. | 31st<br>October. |
| Cars ...                       | 216,633         | 169,916        | 174,186            | 182,843          | 185,163        | 185,665         | 186,057            | 186,619          |
| Lorries and Vans               | 77,639          | 71,248         | 73,245             | 79,405           | 82,052         | 84,257          | 84,925             | 86,045           |
| Trailers ...                   | 6,538           | 6,965          | 7,050              | 7,943            | 8,943          | 9,187           | 9,268              | 9,334            |
| Tractors†                      | 1,102           | 1,366          | 1,409              | 1,599            | 1,705          | 1,787           | 1,795              | 1,817            |
| Cycles—Solo ...                | 17,111          | 10,538         | 9,728              | 11,455           | 11,851         | 12,319          | 12,532             | 12,824           |
| Cycles—Side-car                | 6,884           | 4,785          | 4,399              | 3,847            | 4,005          | 4,076           | 4,144              | 4,190            |
| Omnibuses‡                     | 794             | 890            | 905                | 1,005            | 1,019          | 1,039           | 1,041              | 1,043            |
| Taxi-cabs†                     | 1,331           | 1,352          | 1,348              | 1,350            | 1,351          | 1,351           | 1,353              | 1,355            |
| Traders' Plates                | 1,187           | 708            | 623                | 636              | 637            | 662             | 680                | 711              |
| Total ...                      | 329,219         | 267,768        | 272,893            | 290,083          | 296,726        | 300,343         | 301,795            | 303,938          |

\* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.  
‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

### Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

| Year.    | Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses). |       |       |      |       |      | Lorries and Vans. |       |       |      |       |      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
|          | May.                                 | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | May.              | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| 1941 ... | 89                                   | 40    | 20    | 21   | 32    | 44   | 46                | 40    | 43    | 45   | 41    | 43   |
| 1942 ... | 21                                   | 29    | 17    | 19   | 16    | 21   | 16                | 10    | 13    | 9    | 7     | 4    |
| 1943 ... | 6                                    | 4     | 6     | 3    | 4     | 6    | 40                | 45    | 60    | 55   | 60    | 64   |
| 1944 ... | 4                                    | 6     | 4     | 5    | 6     | 6    | 84                | 84    | 73    | 62   | 66    | 53   |
| 1945 ... | 7                                    | 5     | 8     | 6    | 6     | 7    | 39                | 43    | 48    | 44   | 38    | 60   |

## 12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

### BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

| End of Month. | 1941.   | 1942.   | 1943.   | 1944.   | 1945.   | No. |     |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|
|               |         |         |         |         |         | No. | No. |
| April ...     | 494,004 | 503,494 | 537,319 | 561,638 | 567,295 |     |     |
| May ...       | 495,238 | 500,565 | 543,419 | 563,277 | 571,616 |     |     |
| June ...      | 494,884 | 500,451 | 552,044 | 560,032 | 572,697 |     |     |
| July ...      | 494,904 | 500,566 | 546,856 | 559,106 | 573,078 |     |     |
| August ...    | 498,073 | 508,292 | 549,939 | 562,063 | 572,893 |     |     |
| September ... | 500,125 | 509,332 | 554,227 | 563,425 | 568,280 |     |     |
| October ...   | 499,804 | 515,228 | 555,450 | 561,504 | 571,656 |     |     |

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

### 13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

| As at June 30th. | Amount of Deposits † | End of Month. | Amount of Deposits. |          |          |          |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                  |                      |               | 1939-40.            | 1942-43. | 1943-44. | 1944-45. |
| 1934 ...         | £000                 | £000          | £000                | £000     | £000     | £000     |
| 1934 ...         | 75,714               | November      | 86,684              | 104,930  | 138,328  | 176,748  |
| 1935 ...         | 77,906               | December      | 86,581              | 105,745  | 142,108  | 179,128  |
| 1936 ...         | 80,000               | January       | 86,716              | 109,220  | 146,283  | 181,801  |
| 1937 ...         | 81,952               | February      | 87,167              | 112,818  | 150,375  | 184,725  |
| 1938 ...         | 86,016               | March         | 86,759              | 115,642  | 154,154  | 187,894  |
| 1939 ...         | 87,474               | April ...     | 87,056              | 115,500  | 156,025  | 189,566  |
| 1940 ...         | 82,111               | May ...       | 85,179              | 118,016  | 157,045  | 192,884  |
| 1941 ...         | 87,750               | June†         | 82,111              | 122,405  | 162,867  | 198,203  |
| 1942 ...         | 94,538               | July ...      | 82,135              | 126,689  | 166,751  | 200,932  |
| 1943 ...         | 122,405              | August        | 83,074              | 130,519  | 170,104  | 204,794  |
| 1944 ...         | 162,867              | September     | 83,827              | 134,163  | 173,037  | 207,520  |
| 1945 ...         | 198,203              | October       | 84,568              | 136,326  | 173,981  | 200,906  |

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £19,552,398 at 31st October, 1945, including £51,135 in October, 1945.

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## 14. TRADING BANKS\*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

| September Quarter. | Deposits.       | Cash in Aust. <sup>†</sup> | Treasury Bills. | Govt. and Municipal Securities. | Special Wartime Deposits with Comw'th Bank. | Advances.                  |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1941 ...           | £000<br>363,867 | £000<br>38,925             | £000<br>33,999  | £000<br>61,752                  | £000<br>...<br>38,238                       | £000<br>281,958<br>264,110 |
| 1942 ...           | 392,295         | 46,322                     | 40,140          | 56,580                          | 106,234                                     | 244,746                    |
| 1943 ...           | 465,327         | 38,230                     | 55,000          | 76,056                          | 182,835                                     | 217,152                    |
| 1944 ...           | 536,943         | 36,643                     | 55,230          | 95,233                          | 226,369                                     | 211,061                    |
| 1945 ...           | 577,146         | 36,236                     | 52,853          | 106,811                         |   |                            |

<sup>\*</sup>Nine Private Banks.<sup>†</sup>Exclusive of London Funds.

## 15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

| September Quarter. | Deposits.                       |                           |                 | Advances.       | Excess of Deposits over Advances. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
|                    | Not Bearing Interest (Current). | Bearing Interest (Fixed). | Total.          |                 |                                   |
| 1941 ...           | £000<br>71,129                  | £000<br>64,851            | £000<br>135,980 | £000<br>114,936 | £000<br>21,044                    |
| 1942 ...           | 82,342                          | 61,263                    | 143,605         | 107,735         | 35,870                            |
| 1943 ...           | 103,298                         | 67,510                    | 170,808         | 94,124          | 76,684                            |
| 1944 ...           | 127,295                         | 75,743                    | 203,038         | 85,679          | 117,359                           |
| 1945 ...           | 142,123                         | 78,108                    | 220,231         | 86,666          | 133,565                           |

## 16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

| Month.           | 1939. | 1940.  | 1941.  | 1942.  | 1943.  | 1944.  | 1945. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1944. | 1945.          |
|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Amount—Million £ |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | Index Numbers. |
| January ...      | 66.5  | 82.7   | 90.3   | 92.0   | 106.7  | 107.5  | 114.2 | 98    | 110   | 117   | 123   | 136   | 150   | 152            |
| February ...     | 75.5  | 88.9   | 82.0   | 97.1   | 105.7  | 121.2  | 114.1 | 96    | 110   | 114   | 123   | 139   | 147   | 149            |
| March ...        | 80.5  | 87.8   | 89.4   | 102.6  | 123.4  | 130.1  | 123.4 | 93    | 107   | 110   | 119   | 138   | 146   | 145            |
| April ...        | 70.7  | 84.3   | 86.9   | 95.4   | 125.3  | 108.4  | 126.2 | 98    | 111   | 111   | 125   | 150   | 150   | 154            |
| May ...          | 82.0  | 90.2   | 106.3  | 98.9   | 123.0  | 143.5  | 132.6 | 100   | 111   | 117   | 125   | 155   | 158   | 160            |
| June ...         | 80.3  | 94.5   | 97.4   | 116.6  | 132.6  | 140.1  | 136.0 | 101   | 115   | 123   | 133   | 163   | 166   | 169            |
| July ...         | 71.2  | 94.6   | 98.9   | 99.7   | 114.3  | 122.9  | 129.7 | 98    | 116   | 125   | 130   | 155   | 168   | 167            |
| August ...       | 74.9  | 83.6   | 87.0   | 99.0   | 122.7  | 127.4  | 121.0 | 99    | 118   | 123   | 135   | 160   | 169   | 168            |
| September ...    | 74.9  | 84.5   | 94.9   | 105.6  | 116.5  | 120.9  | 123.4 | 99    | 117   | 124   | 134   | 155   | 163   | 166            |
| October ...      | 78.0  | 90.1   | 101.8  | 115.0  | 115.5  | 123.7  | 140.4 | 100   | 113   | 123   | 138   | 152   | 159   | 166            |
| November ...     | 86.1  | 93.5   | 99.6   | 105.0  | 129.3  | 126.3  | ...   | 102   | 114   | 124   | 135   | 149   | 153   | ...            |
| December ...     | 91.7  | 100.1  | 104.9  | 121.6  | 127.3  | 127.6  | ...   | 106   | 115   | 124   | 136   | 150   | 152   | ...            |
| Year ...         | 932.3 | 1074.8 | 1139.4 | 1248.5 | 1442.3 | 1499.6 | ...   | 100   | 113   | 120   | 131   | 151   | 156   | ...            |

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

| Period.           | Private<br>First Mortgages<br>Registered.<br>Weighted Average<br>Rate of Interest.* |                      | Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to<br>Commonwealth Income Tax— |                   |                              |                              |      |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------|
|                   | Urban<br>Securities.  | Rural<br>Securities. | Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.   |                   |                              | At Current Rates.            |      |
|                   |   | Short-<br>dated.     | Medium-<br>dated.   | Long-<br>dated.   | Short-<br>dated,<br>2 years. | Long-<br>dated,<br>12 years. |      |
| Average for year— |   |                      | Under<br>5 years.   | 5 to 10<br>years. | 10 years<br>and over.        |                              |      |
| 1938 ... ... ...  | 5·4   | 5·0                  | 3·38  | 3·71              | 3·76                         | ...                          | ...  |
| 1939 ... ... ...  | 5·6   | 5·2                  | 3·84  | 3·87              | 3·92                         | ...                          | ...  |
| 1940 ... ... ...  | 5·6   | 5·1                  | 3·14  | 3·25              | 3·30                         | ...                          | ...  |
| 1941 ... ... ...  | 5·5   | 4·9                  | 2·45  | 2·95              | 3·10                         | ...                          | ...  |
| 1941 ... ... ...  | 5·5   | 4·9                  | 2·42  | 2·87              | 3·13                         | 2·47                         | 3·23 |
| 1942 ... ... ...  | 5·4   | 4·9                  | 2·39  | 2·89              | 3·11                         | 2·45                         | 3·24 |
| 1943 ... ... ...  | 5·0   | 4·7                  | 2·43  | 2·72              | 3·10                         | 2·48                         | 3·23 |
| 1944 ... ... ...  | 5·0   | 4·4                  | 2·30  | 2·60              | 3·10                         | 2·45                         | 3·24 |
| Months—           |   |                      | 2 years.  | 7 years.          | 12 years.                    |                              |      |
| 1944—September    | 5·0   | 4·6                  | 2·34  | 2·49              | 3·13                         | 2·47                         | 3·24 |
| December          | 5·0   | 4·3                  | 2·19  | 2·51              | 2·49                         | 3·24                         | 3·24 |
| 1945—March...     | 4·9   | 4·4                  | 2·14  | 2·43              | 2·48                         | 3·25                         | 3·25 |
| June ...          | 4·8   | 4·5                  | 2·25  | 2·39              | 2·49                         | 3·25                         | 3·25 |
| August ...        | 4·8   | 4·4                  | 2·42  | 2·65              | 2·48                         | 3·25                         | 3·25 |
| September ...     | 4·8   | 4·4                  | 2·43  | 2·82              | 2·48                         | 3·25                         | 3·25 |
| October ...       | 4·8   | 4·4                  | 2·32  | 2·83              | 2·48                         | 3·24                         | 3·24 |

\* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

## 18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

| Month.                    | Consideration of Sales. |        |        |        |       | Amount of Mortgages.* |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                           | 1941.                   | 1942.  | 1943.  | 1944.  | 1945. | 1941.                 | 1942. | 1943. | 1944. | 1945. |
| Thousand £.               |                         |        |        |        |       |                       |       |       |       |       |
| January ... ... ... ...   | 2,383                   | 2,815  | 1,226  | 1,090  | 1,786 | 1,148                 | 916   | 595   | 383   | 608   |
| February ... ... ... ...  | 2,557                   | 2,472  | 1,294  | 1,507  | 1,999 | 1,329                 | 975   | 390   | 611   | 593   |
| March ... ... ... ...     | 2,677                   | 2,083  | 1,550  | 1,552  | 2,059 | 1,320                 | 996   | 503   | 663   | 688   |
| April ... ... ... ...     | 2,574                   | 2,276  | 1,517  | 931    | 1,663 | 1,305                 | 891   | 536   | 302   | 526   |
| May ... ... ... ...       | 2,635                   | 1,544  | 1,185  | 1,307  | 2,204 | 1,324                 | 526   | 381   | 495   | 606   |
| June ... ... ... ...      | 3,029                   | 1,266  | 1,358  | 1,809  | 2,373 | 1,273                 | 599   | 400   | 687   | 864   |
| July ... ... ... ...      | 3,165                   | 1,540  | 1,783  | 1,992  | 2,720 | 1,470                 | 622   | 399   | 543   | 902   |
| August ... ... ... ...    | 2,545                   | 1,671  | 1,379  | 2,242  | 2,238 | 1,213                 | 451   | 450   | 723   | 861   |
| September ... ... ... ... | 2,941                   | 1,616  | 1,551  | 1,772  | 2,684 | 1,571                 | 516   | 432   | 597   | 1,005 |
| October ... ... ... ...   | 3,013                   | 1,514  | 1,549  | 1,654  | 3,260 | 1,413                 | 423   | 618   | 634   | 1,128 |
| November ... ... ... ...  | 2,548                   | 1,942  | 1,558  | 1,899  | ...   | 1,022                 | 530   | 558   | 529   | ...   |
| December ... ... ... ...  | 2,972                   | 1,260  | 1,592  | 1,708  | ...   | 1,242                 | 562   | 494   | 699   | ...   |
| Year ... ... ... ...      | 33,239                  | 21,609 | 17,542 | 19,462 | ...   | 15,630                | 8,007 | 5,756 | 6,866 | ...   |

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

|                  | Month of October. |          |             | Ten Months ended 31st October. |             |             |
|------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | Crops.            | Wool.*   | Livestock.* | Crops.                         | Wool.*      | Livestock.* |
| 1943 ... ... ... | £ 72,781          | £ 56,692 | £ 36,899    | £ 1,359,791                    | £ 1,552,928 | £ 649,637   |
| 1944 ... ... ... | 43,936            | 37,971   | 34,213      | 918,448                        | 1,240,761   | 498,358     |
| 1945 ... ... ... | 44,706            | 78,068   | 98,805      | 879,375                        | 1,302,250   | 880,618     |

See note under Table 18.

\*Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

| Month.                | Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) |                    |        | Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |            |                                |                               |               |                             |                                      |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|--------|---|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                       | Govern-mental Authorities.  | Private Employers. | Total. | Mining and Quarry-ing.                          | Factories. | Allied Works Council Projects. | Transport and Communi-cation. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professiona-l and Personal Services. |
| (a)                   | (b)   | (c)                |        |   |            |                                |                               |               |                             |                                      |
| MALES. (Thousands.)   |   |                    |        |   |            |                                |                               |               |                             |                                      |
| 1933—June ...         | 103·2   | 277·5              | 380·7  | ...   | 94·5       | ...                            | ...                           | ...           | ...                         | ...                                  |
| 1939—July ...         | 136·5   | 393·4              | 529·9  | ...   | 158·8      | ...                            | ...                           | ...           | ...                         | ...                                  |
| 1941—July ...         | 141·5   | 404·8              | 546·3  | 25·8  | 202·1      | ...                            | 78·2                          | 41·3          | 43·3                        | 52·5                                 |
| 1942—July ...         | 158·6   | 376·0              | 534·6  | 25·4  | 213·3      | 19·5                           | 80·3                          | 32·3          | 36·0                        | 45·0                                 |
| 1943—July ...         | 156·6   | 305·4              | 522·0  | 25·1  | 217·8      | 14·4                           | 81·5                          | 28·7          | 33·2                        | 43·3                                 |
| Sept. ...             | 155·0   | 305·0              | 520·0  | 25·0  | 219·2      | 12·3                           | 80·6                          | 28·4          | 33·4                        | 43·8                                 |
| 1944—July ...         | 152·4   | 309·7              | 522·1  | 24·4  | 217·5      | 6·6                            | 84·1                          | 28·4          | 34·2                        | 45·4                                 |
| Sept. ...             | 154·2   | 309·4              | 523·6  | 24·7  | 215·3      | 6·5                            | 85·4                          | 28·6          | 35·1                        | 45·9                                 |
| Oct. ...              | 152·5   | 370·7              | 523·2  | 24·7  | 215·9      | 7·0                            | 84·1                          | 28·7          | 35·2                        | 46·0                                 |
| Nov. ...              | 153·4   | 372·5              | 525·9  | 24·8  | 215·2      | 7·2                            | 85·6                          | 29·1          | 35·6                        | 46·2                                 |
| Dec. ...              | 152·3   | 374·2              | 526·5  | 24·5  | 215·0      | 8·5                            | 84·4                          | 30·5          | 35·6                        | 46·4                                 |
| 1945—Jan. ...         | 153·4   | 375·6              | 529·0  | 24·8  | 215·7      | 8·4                            | 85·6                          | 29·5          | 35·7                        | 46·8                                 |
| Feb. ...              | 154·1   | 376·1              | 530·2  | 24·6  | 215·4      | 8·6                            | 86·2                          | 29·4          | 35·8                        | 46·8                                 |
| Mar. ...              | 154·0   | 374·7              | 529·6  | 24·0  | 214·5      | 8·8                            | 85·2                          | 29·6          | 36·0                        | 47·0                                 |
| April ...             | 155·8   | 375·2              | 531·0  | 24·7  | 213·8      | 8·9                            | 86·9                          | 29·6          | 35·6                        | 46·9                                 |
| May ...               | 155·4   | 375·6              | 531·0  | 24·3  | 213·2      | 8·9                            | 86·7                          | 30·0          | 35·7                        | 46·9                                 |
| June ...              | 155·8   | 377·1              | 532·9  | 24·4  | 214·5      | 8·6                            | 87·2                          | 29·7          | 35·9                        | 47·3                                 |
| July ...              | 156·5   | 377·5              | 534·0  | 24·6  | 214·2      | 7·3                            | 88·0                          | 29·9          | 35·9                        | 47·6                                 |
| Aug. ...              | 155·5   | 379·2              | 534·8  | 24·8  | 214·3      | 5·9                            | 88·7                          | 30·2          | 36·4                        | 48·3                                 |
| Sept. ...             | 155·3   | 374·1              | 529·4  | 24·7  | 208·3      | 4·8                            | 87·6                          | 30·8          | 37·0                        | 48·7                                 |
| FEMALES. (Thousands.) |   |                    |        |   |            |                                |                               |               |                             |                                      |
| 1933—June ...         | 16·8  | 109·0              | 125·8  | ...   | 36·3       | ...                            | ...                           | ...           | ...                         | ...                                  |
| 1939—July ...         | 19·4  | 148·6              | 168·0  | ...   | 59·3       | ...                            | ...                           | ...           | ...                         | ...                                  |
| 1941—July ...         | 21·7  | 192·4              | 214·1  | 0·2   | 76·0       | ...                            | 8·1                           | 40·9          | 17·6                        | 57·0                                 |
| 1942—July ...         | 29·3  | 203·6              | 232·9  | 0·2   | 84·8       | ...                            | 9·0                           | 41·1          | 20·7                        | 58·9                                 |
| 1943—July ...         | 45·8  | 204·1              | 249·9  | 0·2   | 94·6       | ...                            | 12·9                          | 38·5          | 20·5                        | 62·3                                 |
| Sept. ...             | 46·7  | 206·5              | 253·2  | 0·2   | 90·5       | ...                            | 13·1                          | 38·0          | 20·8                        | 63·3                                 |
| 1944—July ...         | 45·5  | 206·1              | 251·6  | 0·2   | 92·2       | ...                            | 13·9                          | 37·2          | 20·4                        | 65·7                                 |
| Sept. ...             | 44·4  | 207·3              | 251·7  | 0·2   | 91·5       | ...                            | 14·0                          | 37·3          | 20·8                        | 66·7                                 |
| Oct. ...              | 44·7  | 207·8              | 252·5  | 0·2   | 91·0       | ...                            | 14·0                          | 37·7          | 20·8                        | 67·4                                 |
| Nov. ...              | 44·5  | 209·3              | 253·8  | 0·2   | 90·8       | ...                            | 14·0                          | 38·7          | 20·8                        | 67·8                                 |
| Dec. ...              | 44·2  | 210·3              | 254·5  | 0·2   | 90·3       | ...                            | 14·0                          | 40·4          | 20·7                        | 67·4                                 |
| 1945—Jan. ...         | 44·1  | 207·3              | 251·4  | 0·2   | 88·8       | ...                            | 14·0                          | 38·5          | 20·7                        | 67·6                                 |
| Feb. ...              | 43·9  | 208·5              | 252·4  | 0·2   | 89·5       | ...                            | 14·1                          | 38·4          | 20·6                        | 68·1                                 |
| Mar. ...              | 43·7  | 209·4              | 253·1  | 0·2   | 89·2       | ...                            | 14·1                          | 38·7          | 20·7                        | 68·5                                 |
| April ...             | 43·7  | 208·3              | 252·0  | 0·2   | 88·2       | ...                            | 14·1                          | 38·8          | 20·4                        | 68·5                                 |
| May ...               | 43·6  | 208·1              | 251·7  | 0·2   | 87·9       | ...                            | 14·0                          | 39·0          | 20·3                        | 68·6                                 |
| June ...              | 43·5  | 209·1              | 252·6  | 0·2   | 87·8       | ...                            | 14·6                          | 39·3          | 20·5                        | 68·8                                 |
| July ...              | 43·3  | 208·8              | 252·1  | 0·2   | 87·4       | ...                            | 14·6                          | 39·2          | 20·6                        | 68·5                                 |
| Aug. ...              | 42·8  | 210·3              | 253·1  | 0·3   | 87·6       | ...                            | 14·6                          | 39·5          | 20·7                        | 69·2                                 |
| Sept. ...             | 41·3  | 209·0              | 250·3  | 0·2   | 84·3       | ...                            | 14·4                          | 39·7          | 20·9                        | 69·6                                 |
| TOTAL. (Thousands.)   |   |                    |        |   |            |                                |                               |               |                             |                                      |
| 1933—June ...         | 120·0   | 386·5              | 506·5  | ...   | 130·8      | ...                            | ...                           | ...           | ...                         | ...                                  |
| 1939—July ...         | 155·9   | 542·0              | 667·9  | ...   | 218·1      | ...                            | ...                           | ...           | ...                         | ...                                  |
| 1941—July ...         | 163·2   | 597·2              | 760·4  | 26·0  | 278·1      | ...                            | 86·3                          | 82·2          | 60·9                        | 109·5                                |
| 1942—July ...         | 187·9   | 579·6              | 767·5  | 25·6  | 298·1      | 19·5                           | 89·3                          | 73·4          | 56·7                        | 104·9                                |
| 1943—July ...         | 202·4   | 569·5              | 771·0  | 25·3  | 312·4      | 14·4                           | 94·4                          | 67·2          | 53·7                        | 105·6                                |
| Sept. ...             | 201·7   | 571·5              | 773·2  | 25·2  | 315·7      | 12·3                           | 93·7                          | 66·4          | 54·2                        | 107·1                                |
| 1944—July ...         | 197·9   | 575·8              | 773·7  | 24·6  | 309·7      | 6·6                            | 98·0                          | 65·6          | 54·6                        | 111·1                                |
| Sept. ...             | 198·6   | 576·7              | 775·3  | 24·9  | 306·8      | 6·5                            | 99·4                          | 65·9          | 55·9                        | 112·6                                |
| Oct. ...              | 197·2   | 575·8              | 775·7  | 24·9  | 306·9      | 7·0                            | 98·1                          | 66·4          | 56·0                        | 113·4                                |
| Nov. ...              | 197·9   | 581·8              | 779·7  | 25·0  | 306·0      | 7·2                            | 99·6                          | 67·8          | 56·4                        | 114·0                                |
| Dec. ...              | 196·5   | 584·5              | 781·0  | 24·7  | 305·3      | 8·5                            | 98·4                          | 68·0          | 56·3                        | 113·8                                |
| 1945—Jan. ...         | 197·5   | 582·9              | 780·4  | 25·0  | 304·5      | 8·4                            | 99·6                          | 68·0          | 56·4                        | 114·4                                |
| Feb. ...              | 198·0   | 584·6              | 782·6  | 24·8  | 304·9      | 8·6                            | 100·3                         | 67·8          | 56·4                        | 114·9                                |
| Mar. ...              | 198·6   | 584·1              | 782·7  | 24·2  | 303·7      | 8·8                            | 99·3                          | 68·3          | 56·7                        | 115·5                                |
| April ...             | 199·5   | 583·5              | 783·0  | 24·9  | 302·0      | 8·9                            | 101·0                         | 68·4          | 56·0                        | 115·4                                |
| May ...               | 199·0   | 583·7              | 782·7  | 24·5  | 301·1      | 8·9                            | 100·7                         | 69·0          | 56·0                        | 115·5                                |
| June ...              | 199·3   | 586·2              | 785·5  | 24·6  | 302·3      | 8·6                            | 101·8                         | 69·0          | 56·4                        | 116·1                                |
| July ...              | 199·8   | 586·3              | 786·1  | 24·8  | 301·6      | 7·3                            | 102·6                         | 69·1          | 56·5                        | 116·1                                |
| Aug. ...              | 198·4   | 589·5              | 787·9  | 25·1  | 301·9      | 5·9                            | 103·3                         | 69·7          | 57·1                        | 117·5                                |
| Sept. ...             | 196·6   | 583·1              | 779·7  | 24·9  | 292·6      | 4·8                            | 102·0                         | 70·5          | 57·9                        | 118·3                                |

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1944, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

## 21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

| Month.        | Average,<br>1929 to<br>1931. | 1929. | 1932. | 1936. | 1938. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1944. | 1945. |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| January ...   | 100                          | 103   | 93    | 110   | 119   | 125   | 136   | 141   | 141   | 164   | 155   | 173   |
| February ...  | 100                          | 105   | 95    | 112   | 122   | 125   | 135   | 142   | 145   | 159   | 161   | 174   |
| March ...     | 100                          | 102   | 95    | 111   | 121   | 130   | 130   | 143   | 146   | 164   | 165   | 171   |
| April ...     | 100                          | 104   | 96    | 110   | 119   | 125   | 137   | 141   | 147   | 164   | 162   | 172   |
| May ...       | 100                          | 106   | 95    | 110   | 122   | 128   | 128   | 146   | 144   | 166   | 172   | 178   |
| June ...      | 100                          | 103   | 99    | 114   | 127   | 131   | 135   | 150   | 154   | 174   | 176   | 176   |
| July ...      | 100                          | 105   | 97    | 112   | 126   | 134   | 139   | 149   | 158   | 171   | 177   | 184   |
| August ...    | 100                          | 106   | 97    | 107   | 128   | 135   | 137   | 151   | 157   | 181   | 181   | 177   |
| September ... | 100                          | 108   | 97    | 113   | 123   | 134   | 134   | 151   | 158   | 171   | 172   | 180   |
| October ...   | 100                          | 109   | 96    | 113   | 121   | 135   | 137   | 154   | 163   | 162   | 169   | 174   |
| November ...  | 100                          | 109   | 97    | 116   | 124   | 136   | 139   | 152   | 161   | 164   | 171   | ...   |
| December ...  | 100                          | 105   | 99    | 116   | 124   | 131   | 138   | 153   | 165   | 163   | 169   | ...   |
| Year ...      | 100                          | 105   | 96    | 112   | 123   | 131   | 135   | 148   | 154   | 167   | 170   | ...   |

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

| Quarter.           | Food and Groceries. | Rent—<br>4 and 5<br>rooms. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous<br>Items. | Total Household Expenditure. |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                    |                     |                            |           |                         | Index<br>Number.             | Increase from Sept.<br>Quarter, 1939. |
| 1939—September ... | 930                 | 1,039                      | 841       | 939                     | 933                          | ...                                   |
| 1940—September ... | 945                 | 1,042                      | 948       | 996                     | 973                          | 4·3                                   |
| 1941—September ... | 947                 | 1,043                      | 1,129     | 1,062                   | 1,027                        | 10·1                                  |
| 1942—September ... | 1,061               | 1,042                      | 1,337     | 1,105                   | 1,122                        | 20·3                                  |
| 1943—March* ...    | 1,050               | 1,042                      | 1,408     | 1,145                   | 1,141                        | 22·3                                  |
| June† ...          | 1,065               | 1,042                      | 1,479     | 1,102                   | 1,165                        | 24·9                                  |
| September ...      | 1,039               | 1,042                      | 1,463     | 1,176                   | 1,154                        | 23·7                                  |
| 1944—March ...     | 1,019               | 1,043                      | 1,443     | 1,176                   | 1,143                        | 22·5                                  |
| June ...           | 1,025               | 1,043                      | 1,437     | 1,172                   | 1,143                        | 22·5                                  |
| September ...      | 1,035               | 1,043                      | 1,437     | 1,167                   | 1,146                        | 22·8                                  |
| December ...       | 1,022               | 1,043                      | 1,441     | 1,109                   | 1,142                        | 22·4                                  |
| 1945—March ...     | 1,027               | 1,043                      | 1,420     | 1,103                   | 1,138                        | 22·0                                  |
| June ...           | 1,040               | 1,043                      | 1,410     | 1,103                   | 1,141                        | 22·3                                  |
| September ...      | 1,042               | 1,043                      | 1,412     | 1,163                   | 1,142                        | 22·4                                  |

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

## 23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

| YEAR.    | Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—<br>Port Kembla.* |    |      |    |         |    | Crown Employees.<br>(All Districts). |    |           |    |      |    |         |    |           |    |
|----------|---|----|------|----|---------|----|--------------------------------------|----|-----------|----|------|----|---------|----|-----------|----|
|          | February.                                       |    | May. |    | August. |    | November.                            |    | February. |    | May. |    | August. |    | November. |    |
|          | s.  | d. | s.   | d. | s.      | d. | s.                                   | d. | s.        | d. | s.   | d. | s.      | d. | s.        | d. |
| 1939 ... | 81  | 0  | 82   | 0  | 81      | 0  | 82                                   | 0  | 80        | 0  | 80   | 0  | 80      | 0  | 80        | 0  |
| 1940 ... | 82  | 0  | 83   | 0  | 85      | 0  | 85                                   | 0  | 81        | 0  | 81   | 0  | 83      | 0  | 84        | 0  |
| 1941 ... | 88  | 0  | 88   | 0  | 89      | 0  | 89                                   | 0  | 86        | 0  | 87   | 0  | 87      | 0  | 88        | 0  |
| 1942 ... | 91  | 0  | 93   | 0  | 95      | 0  | 97                                   | 0  | 90        | 0  | 92   | 0  | 94      | 0  | 96        | 0  |
| 1943 ... | 98  | 0  | 98   | 0  | 100     | 0  | 99                                   | 0  | 97        | 0  | 97   | 0  | 99      | 0  | 98        | 0  |
| 1944 ... | 99  | 0  | 99   | 0  | 99      | 0  | 99                                   | 0  | 97        | 0  | 97   | 0  | 97      | 0  | 98        | 0  |
| 1945 ... | 99  | 0  | 98   | 0  | 98      | 0  | 99                                   | 0  | 97        | 0  | 97   | 0  | 97      | 0  | 97        | 0  |

\* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

## 24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

| Period.      | Silver<br>(Standard),<br>per oz. | Lead.<br>per ton. | Zinc<br>(Electrolytic),<br>per ton. | Tin<br>(Standard),<br>per ton. | Gold<br>(Fine),<br>per oz. |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|              | s. d.                            | £ s. d.           | £ s. d.                             | £ s. d.                        | £ s. d.                    |
| 1929 ...     | 2 0·57                           | 21 14 5           | 25 19 5                             | 200 11 5                       | 4 4 11                     |
| 1938 ...     | 2 0·14                           | 17 12 11          | 19 12 10                            | 228 11 10                      | 8 17 1                     |
| 1939 ...     | 2 1·42                           | 17 12 1           | 19 15 3                             | 268 3 6                        | 9 14 4                     |
| 1940 ...     | 2 2·95                           | 18 14 6           | 22 9 11                             | 292 19 8                       | 10 13 1                    |
| 1941 ...     | 2 4·26                           | 19 11 4           | 22 12 11                            | 295 1 6                        | 10 13 8                    |
| 1942 ...     | 2 4·66                           | 21 9 9            | 22 2 11                             | 285 9 1                        | 10 9 1                     |
| 1943 ...     | 2 4·63                           | 22 19 2           | 23 15 2                             | 283 1 6                        | 10 9 0                     |
| 1944 ...     | 2 4·63                           | 26 3 0            | 24 9 4                              | 335 7 2                        | 10 10 1                    |
| 1945—May     | 2 4·80                           | 31 17 1           | 30 16 6                             | 350 14 5                       | 10 12 3                    |
| June         | 2 4·80                           | 39 1 6            | 31 11 3                             | 350 14 5                       | 10 14 9                    |
| July         | 2 4·80                           | 35 10 2           | 40 2 4                              | 352 0 6                        | 10 15 3                    |
| August       | 2 4·80                           | 36 2 3            | 34 6 5                              | 352 19 1                       | 10 15 3                    |
| September... | 2 10·15                          | 38 0 9            | 49 1 2                              | 353 17 8                       | 10 15 3                    |

## 25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

| Month.        | Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 5 Insurance Companies. | Total* Companies 75. | 34 Active Shares included in foregoing. |
|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| April, 1929   | 179·3                                     | 183·8                | 129·4                       | 174·1                             | 243·5                  | 174·4                | 172·6                                   |
| Sept., 1931   | 72·3                                      | 60·2                 | 87·9                        | 75·2                              | 121·3                  | 74·4                 | 77·2                                    |
| Mar., 1937    | 213·8                                     | 203·8                | 181·0                       | 169·2                             | 281·2                  | 190·4                | 200·5                                   |
| 1944—Oct. ... | 240·2                                     | 202·3                | 160·9                       | 145·0                             | 263·3                  | 192·0                | 206·6                                   |
| Nov. ...      | 240·3                                     | 202·6                | 162·8                       | 145·4                             | 264·1                  | 192·5                | 207·1                                   |
| Dec. ...      | 240·4                                     | 203·0                | 162·5                       | 146·0                             | 264·1                  | 192·6                | 207·0                                   |
| 1945—Jan. ... | 240·6                                     | 203·5                | 162·7                       | 146·3                             | 264·1                  | 192·8                | 207·3                                   |
| Feb. ...      | 241·7                                     | 205·0                | 168·5                       | 148·0                             | 264·5                  | 194·7                | 209·3                                   |
| Mar. ...      | 242·2                                     | 205·9                | 170·1                       | 148·7                             | 264·6                  | 195·4                | 209·8                                   |
| April ...     | 242·3                                     | 207·3                | 170·2                       | 148·8                             | 264·6                  | 195·7                | 210·0                                   |
| May ...       | 242·2                                     | 207·2                | 170·5                       | 148·4                             | 264·6                  | 195·7                | 210·0                                   |
| June ...      | 242·3                                     | 207·7                | 170·4                       | 148·0                             | 264·6                  | 195·7                | 210·1                                   |
| July ...      | 242·2                                     | 207·4                | 170·3                       | 147·3                             | 264·6                  | 195·6                | 210·0                                   |
| Aug. ...      | 242·3                                     | 207·3                | 170·3                       | 146·8                             | 264·6                  | 195·6                | 209·9                                   |
| Sept. ...     | 242·7                                     | 207·8                | 170·8                       | 146·7                             | 264·6                  | 195·8                | 210·3                                   |
| Oct. ...      | 255·3                                     | 216·3                | 178·2                       | 150·8                             | 274·6                  | 204·5                | 220·2                                   |

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1944, was 2,884,848 (revised), or 39·3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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